

## ***Roseburg BLM News***

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### **Wild Horse Adoption for Roseburg**

**Roseburg, Ore.** - The Roseburg District Bureau of Land Management will conduct a wild horse adoption at the Douglas County Fair Grounds off Interstate 5 on Friday and Saturday February 27-28, 2004.

There will be approximately 54 wild horses including 15 geldings, 15 mares, 16 yearlings and 8 Kigers available for adoption by oral competitive bid to qualified adopters. The horses come from the Paisley and Kiger herd areas and will range from a variety of different colors and sizes, the largest exceeding 15 hands.

Animal viewing and adopter registration will begin at 4:30 PM on Friday with a gentling demonstration by Leslie Neuman beginning at 5 PM. Animal viewing and registration will begin at 7:30 AM on Saturday with a second gentling demonstration between 8 and 10 AM with Ms. Neuman followed by the competitive oral bid beginning at 11 AM on Saturday.

“This is an event that the whole family can enjoy. The gentling demonstration will feature basic techniques for approaching a newly adopted horse. The competitive bid will be exciting for both prospective adopters and observers” says, Melanie Roan, Roseburg BLM wild horse and burro coordinator.

Applications will be accepted at the adoption site however people who are applying for the first time are encouraged to submit their applications in person at the BLM office at 777 NW Garden Valley Blvd. or to call Melanie Roan directly. Faxed copies of applications cannot be accepted because an original signature and photographs are required.

The Adopt-A-Horse program provides homes for wild horses that are removed from public rangelands to maintain an appropriate balance between wild horses, native wildlife and suitable habitat.

“We are hoping for a great turnout at the adoption on Saturday. It’s a good time to see the horses, enjoy the gentling demonstrations and talk with past adopters who are always glad to share their experiences. Given proper training and care, wild horses make excellent trail and pleasure animals and are widely recognized for their enduring sturdiness and keen intelligence”, says Roseburg District Manager Jay Carlson.

For further information contact Melanie Roan or E.Lynn Burkett on 541-440-4930 or visit the Roseburg BLM website at [www.or.blm.gov/roseburg/](http://www.or.blm.gov/roseburg/) to see photos of the horses available for adoption.